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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005, please amend this application and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification including a new Abstract is provided on page 2 and attached to the end of this response.

Amendments to the Figures is provided on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments beginning on page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix including the new Abstract, replacement drawing and an annotated sheet showing the changes marked in red is attached following page 9 of this paper.

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|   | Application Type Fee (\$  | Fee(\$)         | Fee(           |                      | Fee(\$)             | Fee(\$)           | Fees Paid             | d (\$)     |  |
|   | Utility 300   | 150             | 500            | 250                  | 200                 | 100               |                       |            |  |
|   | Design 200  | 100             | 100            | 50                   | 130                 | 65                |                       |            |  |
|   | Plant 200   | 100             | 300            | 150                  | 160                 | 80                |                       |            |  |
|   | Reissue 300   | 150             | 500            | 250                  | 600                 | 300               |                       |            |  |
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| 2.  | EXCESS CLAIM FEES Small Entity  |                 |                |                      |                     |                   | Y.                    |            |  |
| Fee Description Fee (\$)  |   |                 |                |                      |                     |                   | Fee (\$)              |            |  |
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